

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-28 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 6 and 26 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4, independent claims 18, 23 and 26 are amended to overcome the §112 rejection, claim 3 is amended to be consistent with amended claim 1, claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 1, and claims 4 and 11 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claim 4 recites allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed above, independent claims 1, 6 and 26 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Independent claim 26 also is amended in response to the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection, discussed below. Thus, independent claims 1, 6 and 26, along with dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7-10, 12-17, 27 and 28, are allowable.

II. 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 18-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that "a corrector that corrects a blur of a photographing apparatus", recited in independent claim 18 and similarly recited in independent claims 23 and 26 is unclear. Independent claim 18 is amended to recite correcting "a corrector that corrects a blur occurring at an image-capturing surface of the photographing apparatus". Independent claims 23 and 26 are similarly amended. This amendment is supported and discussed in the specification at, for example, page 10, lines 1-4 and page 27, line 17 to page 28, line 2. Similar features are recited in independent claim 1, which was not subject to the

§112 rejection. Thus, independent claims 18, 23 and 26 are not indefinite. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Further, because independent claims 18 and 23 are amended in response to the §112 rejection, claims 18-25 are allowable in view of the Office Action's indication on page 4 (paragraph 3) that the arguments in the December 28, 2007 Amendment with respect to these claims are persuasive, and in view of the absence of any other rejection of these claims.

III. 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) Rejections

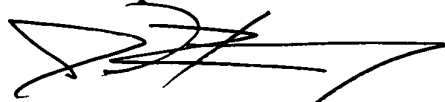
The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13-17 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Usui, U.S. Patent No. 5,619,293; and rejects claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Usui. The rejections are rendered moot by the amendments to independent claims 1, 6 and 26.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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